



From Dust To Diamond

MAULANA WAHIDUDDIN KHAN points out simple facts that make us sit up and see the bigger picture

A cow gives milk. This is a universally accepted fact. But there are few who pause to think how it accomplishes this useful feat. In fact, it can produce milk only because it has the capacity to convert grass into milk. It is this unique ability to convert a simple substance into a more complex one which makes it possible in God's world for it to produce the precious liquid we call milk.

A similar capacity is found in trees and plants. From them we receive grain, vegetables and fruits. But under what conditions does this happen? It happens when the plant receives water and nutrients from the earth and then converts these into vegetables and fruits. A lower entity is admitted into the plant, but with internal mechanism, it reproduces it in the form of a higher entity.

The same applies to the life of man. A process of conversion has to take place, if results are to be produced. To attain success, man has to take stimulus from his environment, both positive and negative, his education whether good or bad, his moral and physical inheritance and 'convert' these into success in much the same way that a plant converts nutrients from the soil into fruits. Even from his failures, he has to extract such experience as will set him on a better and more successful course for the future.

Such is the law of the world, both for mankind and for other living things. So, whoever has the capacity to seize opportunities when they come his way and convert the adverse into favourable circumstances achieves success, while those who show themselves incapable of this feat are doomed to failure.

The cow has been created by God as a sign of His will. It shows us what God requires of us in this world. We may take in 'grass', but we must give out 'milk.' Even when people wrong us, we are required



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to convert that wrong into a right. And when we are beset by adversity, we are required to turn it around. ■

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Don't Be Stopped By Your Beliefs

■ The process that converts grass to milk is the mechanism ingrained in the cow. Likewise, conversion of failures to learning and then to success is inherent in every son and daughter of God. What stops us is our own belief system that manifests as speed breakers and defence mechanisms. We must identify them and squash them.

Anirudh Kapoor

Rise Above The Ordinary

■ This is so true. All things are converted

into higher forms. But can human beings learn how to make these miraculous changes? Here is a message from nature that we cannot ignore.

Rajn Paighan

Change Is The Essence Of Life

■ This is really thought-provoking. Conversion should take place within us in many ways and we should be able to convert anger into love, greed into forbearance, sorrow into happiness, hatred into sympathy, ignorance into knowledge, knowledge into wisdom, till we finally reach God-consciousness.

Anand Kumar

Man Is Superior To All

■ Man has the ability to convert all bad into good. That's why God is happy creating man in this universe, for he has the intellectual power with which he can solve the earth's problems.

Our duty is to convert sorrow and bad habits, pain and waste into happy and good habits, which are favourable to everyone.

If we use our energy in the right way to bring out the best purposes that God intended us to achieve, then we will feel good forever.

Umakant VW

Highest In Evolutionary Power

■ Every creature is precious, for every creation of God has the inherent capacity to convert 'grass' into 'milk'. Humans, particularly are the highest in the order of evolution. But, we must have reverence for all created beings.

Sadheendra Shidlepur

Nature's Wonders Revealed

■ So many simple things occur in nature, but they have extraordinary implications. A seed grows up as a giant tree, a sapling

blossoms into a fragrant flower, a caterpillar changes into a butterfly — these are a few of the myriad miracles of nature which our inured eyes only view as normal happenings. We say miracles do not happen these days, but I say that miracles happen every day, everywhere, but we have lost the childlike wonder and curiosity to perceive them. We wonder whether there is God, but we see His creations everywhere but cannot recognise Him through His artistic play.

Mahavir Nautiyal

Lessons From Around Us

■ We can learn from every so-called lower form of life how they keep fulfilling their purpose without modifying their instinctive process.

Man needs to create heaven on earth by espousing unconditional love for all that exists.

Changeman Citizen Mitter Vedu

Churning The Good From The Bad

■ In addition to the cow's ability to convert grass to milk, a more important concept would be the time in which it is able to do this. This milk flows only when the cow has given birth. It does not take place otherwise. Similarly, trees produce fruits depending on the season. For humans, opportunities have to be spotted and seized. This means that one has to constantly be on the lookout for opportunities and then seize them.

Failures and success are part of life too, whether in human relations or in the workplace. But one must see them as an opportunity for learning, then finally transform them into opportunities for success at a later date. As long as we keep on the learning path, there will always be opportunities aplenty around us.

Ram Menon



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